The Surplus Cell has now granted the NOC for direct recruitment of 403 Junior Engineer (C) and 99 Junior Engineer (E) and informed that the remaining 247 posts of Junior Engineer (C) and 51 posts of Junior Engineer (E) would be used to accommodate Junior Engineers from other departments who are going to be rendered surplus.

(c) and (d) The recruitment rules for the post of Junior Engineer in CPWD provides for filling up 5% vacancies through a Limited Departmental Competitive Examination. CPWD employees having the prescribed qualifications for the post as laid down in the recruitment rules and having 5 years regular service are eligible to compete in this examination. Draughtsman who qualify in this examination can be promoted as Junior Engineer and to this extend the number of Draughtsman would be reduced.

Demand and supply of potable water in Delhi

4944. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the demand and supply position of potable water in Delhi;

(b) whether Government are aware that several residential areas in Delhi are virtually without potable water; and

(c) if so, the effective steps Government have taken to mitigate hardships of residents of Delhi keeping in view the severity of the ongoing hard summer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The Delhi Jal Board has informed that it is producing, on an average, about 650 MGD potable water as against the assessed demand of 800 MGD for all users in Delhi.

(b) and (c) As indicated in (a) above, there is shortfall of 150 MGD and reduced availability in some pockets. However, the drinking water supply is being supplemented by Delhi Jal Board with water tankers etc. where piped water is not available.

With a view to meet the water scarcity problem in Delhi, the Delhi Jal Board is taking various steps like boring of tubewells, replacement of old pipelines, laying of new pipelines, construction of underground reservoirs and booster pumps, deployment of tankers etc.